

**Open Lands Board
Minutes – Meeting #17
February 19, 2009
7:00 p.m. at the County Commissioners' Meeting Room**

I. Meeting Called to Order – Mike Pflieger – Vice-Chair, at 7:04 PM

A. Roll Call (See Attachment A, Roll Call Sheet)

Board Members:

Dan Dunagan – Present
Jim Ellingson – Present
Skip Kowlaski – Present
Dan Kraft – Present
Gary Leese – Present
Alan Maki – Present
Kent Meyers – Present
Mike Moore – Present
John Ormiston – Present

Mike Pflieger – Present
Bobbie Roos – Present
Les Rutledge – Present
Tim Tackes – Present
Dan Walker – Absent - Excused

Planning Staff

Danielle High
John Lavey
Jon Wickersham

B. Review and approval of Minutes – January 15, 2008 Meeting

The minutes were approved as written.

C. Amendments to Agenda

Mike Pflieger proposed that under Old Business, Kent Meyers with the Education Outreach Subcommittee give a brief update.

D. Public comment – Items not on the agenda

There was no public comment.

II. Old Business

A. Education and Community Outreach Subcommittee Report

Kent Myers stated that the Education Outreach Subcommittee met and developed goals. He said they also talked about future projects they would like to take on and who in the public they should reach out to. He said that there was a question about having a quorum at these meetings because there are seven voting members attending. He said that the next meeting of the Education Outreach Subcommittee is scheduled for April 13, 2009.

Jon Wickersham stated that one person could switch from the Education Outreach Subcommittee to the Conservation Subcommittee. The groups would be even and not constitute a quorum.

Kent Myers asked what the budget is for the Open Lands Board. He asked what kind of support he could expect from the Planning Staff for the Education Outreach Subcommittee.

Jon Wickersham said that there was a budget for the Open Lands Board ,and that he would give staff support and attend the Education Outreach Subcommittee meetings.

B. Code of West

Kent Myers stated the Education Outreach Subcommittee needs input from different organizations within the valley for the Code of the West and that they would like to have the final document finished by the Ravalli County Fair in August. He stated that Phil Connelly is going to be the head of this project.

Jon Wickersham said that he would forward all comments he receives to Phil Connelly.

III. New Business

A. Conservation Subcommittee Report

Mike Pflieger stated the scoring worksheets had a very wide range. He stated that everyone that scored the project before the site visit and after the site visit had slightly different scores. He said that the Subcommittee would like to bring the project to the full board as it is. He said that the Subcommittee gives full support for this project.

B. Phase I review of Bell Family Ranch OLBP application

Jim Ellingson asked if there was an average score for the property.

Mike Pflieger responded that he did not average the scores.

Dan Dunagan asked how the mineral rights issue was coming along.

Gavin Ricklefs from the Bitter Root Land Trust said that they were still working on finding a release and that they are looking into getting a geologist's opinion.

Mike Pflieger stated that the mineral right issue has to be cleared up before any bond money can be issued.

C. Phase II review of Bell Family Ranch OLBP application

Gavin stated that they do not have the entire financial picture yet because they do not have the appraisal. He said that the appraiser did not have enough information on the property to come up with a figure to give to the public. Gavin said that this should be done within a month.

Gary Leese asked if there would be additional costs added due to resolution of the mineral rights issue on the property.

Gavin said that he did not anticipate any.

IV. Ravalli Planning Staff: Updates and Report

Jon did not have any new updates for the Board.

V. Future meeting dates, proposed agenda items, and guest speakers

Next Scheduled Meeting – March 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM

VI. Adjourn

Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.